

Examiners Amendment

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Alan, Collins (57,646) on 04/14/06.

The application has been amended as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

2. Please amend claims 28, 32 – ~~35~~³⁷ and 40 as follows:
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Claim 28 (Currently Amended)

At line 1, after "computer" replace "readable" with storage.

Claim 32 (Currently Amended)

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Claim 33 (Currently Amended)

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Claim 34 (Currently Amended)

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Claim 35 (Currently Amended)

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Claim 36 (Currently Amended)

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Claim 37 (Currently Amended)

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Claim 40 (Currently Amended)

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Allowance

1. Examiner has reviewed and considered Applicants comments as indicated on pages 14 – 20 of Applicant's response dated 02/09/2006 and per Applicant's comments, regarding claims 1 – 13, 15 – 20, 24 – 28 and 32 – 40 claims are now in condition for allowance.

The following is an Examiner's statement of reasons for allowance. The prior art of record does not teach or fairly suggest at least:

"a set of program entries specifying correction information for such particular identification programs, wherein individual ones of the set of program entries comprise:

a whole name matching at least one existing executable program; a program matching criteria matching at least one existing executable program to be updated by performing a first partial name search within an index followed by a second whole name search within the set of program entries specifying correction information; and a reference to at least one substitute program segment in the set of Substitute program segments; and the index including a set of identifiers, wherein each identifier identifies one of the set of program entries and wherein each identifier comprises a name portion of the whole name...", as best illustrated by Figure 5 and 5a and in such a manner as recited in independent claims 1.

"...third at program loading for execution executing a third search on at least a portion of the second set of potential matching entries to identify a program entry matching the particular program based upon the program matching criteria for the

program entry; accessing within the entry, in response to the matching step, a sub-field identifying substitute program segments for the particular executable program; and providing memory location reference for reading the identified substitute program segments based upon the accessing step ", as best illustrated by Figure 5 and 5a and in such a manner as recited in independent claims 20, and 28.

Therefore, claims 1 – 13, 15 – 20, 24 – 28 and 32 – 40 are in condition for allowance.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

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2. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Chuck Kendall whose telephone number is 571-272-3698. The examiner can normally be reached on 10:00 am - 6:30pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Tuan Dam can be reached on 571-272-3695. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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